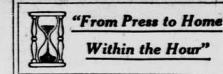
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STRIKE POSTPONED FOR 48 HOURS TO CONTINUE PARLEY

Following Conference in New York.

EACH SIDE HAD HELD BACK FOR ADVANCE FROM OTHER

Firm Against Action in Advance of Adamson Law Decision.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Secretary Lane of the federal mediation railroad strike for fortyeight hours.

He gave out the following

tion the brotherhoods and the from the conference. railroad managers have resumed negotiations. In the hope that some adjustment may be had a strike the brotherhoods have chairmen asking that all action be Monday. and unless prior to that time ad-

Samuel Gompers, the fourth mediator, did not participate in the conference at any

A joint conference between the mediators, the brotherhood chiefs held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, when the negotiations for a settlement will be resumed. The forty - eight - hour postponement dates from 7 o'clock tonight, eastern time, the hour at which the strike was to have gone into effective.

"The directors declined. They informed the Commissioners they would consider no basis of settlement except the dates from 7 o'clock tonight, eastern time, the hour at which the strike was to have gone into effective.

"East of Reims our greatures checked where a small posts in the region west of Maisons de Champagne we made considerable progress in the region west of Maisons de Champagne we made considerable progress in the region west of Maisons de Champagne we made considerable progress in the region west of Maisons de Champagne we made considerable progress in the region west of Maisons de Champagne we made considerable progress in the region west of Maisons de Champagne we made considerable progress in the region west of Maisons de Champagne we made considerable progress in the region west of Maisons de Champagne we made considerable progress in the region west of Maisons de Champagne we made considerable progress in the region west of Maisons de Champagne we made considerable progress in the region west of Maisons de Champagne we made considerable progress in the region west of Maisons de Champagne we made considerable progress in the region west of Maisons de Champagne we made considerable progress in the region west of Maisons de Champagne we made considerable progress in the region west of Maisons de Champagne we made considerable progress in the region west of Maisons de Champagne we made considerable progress in the region west of Maisons de Champagne we made considerable progress in the region west of Maisons de Champagne we made considerable progress in the region west of Maisons de Champagne we made considerable progress in the region west of Maisons de Champagne we made considerable progress in the region west of Maisons de Champagne we made considerable progress in the region west of Maisons de Champagne we made considerable p settlement will be resumed. The strike was to have gone into ef-

PROSPECTS BRIGHTEN.

NEW YORK, March 17.-The prospect that the great railroad strike due to be inaugurated within a few hours would be prevented or at least that a truce_would be declared brightened this afteroon, when shortly before 2 oclock, Secretary Lane, member of the mediation committee of the Council of National Defense, announced that the situation was encouraging.

A subcommittee of the railroad managers went into conference shortly after 2:30 o'clock with the mediators and the brotherhood chiefs.

The joint conference was agreed upon after separate consultations by Daniel Willard of the mediation committee with both sides. The fact that both sides had at last been brought together by the mediators was considered a hopeful sign.

The mediators, it was reported, had asked the labor chiefs to agree to a truce of ten days, or at least until Monday, when it was possible that the Supreme Court might hand down a detail on the Adamson law.

Railroads Stand Firm.

The railroad presidents adjourned their meeting at 12:30 o'clock. No statement was made by any of them, but it was reported that their position was was reported that their position was
that they could not yield to the brotherhoods' demand while the United
States Supreme Court decision on the
Adamson law was still pending.
With no announcement as to what With no announcement as to what, if any, success had been attained in the

the railway brotherhoods to call off the threatened strike, the mediators adrned their conference with the chiefs at 1:30 o'clock and went into confer with the railroad managers' com-

Secretary Lane, declining to discuss last night's meetings, was asked if any specific plan was under consideration today looking toward an adjustment. He

replied:

"There are various plans before us. We want to find out what will be acceptable to both sides. They have been fighting it out with a great deal of ability on both sides between themselves for some time. We are working sincerely and earnestly to find a solution of the problem. After we have talked to the brotherhood chiefs we will see the representative of the railroughs again."

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EFFORT TO SETTLE STREET CAR STRIKE ENDS IN A FAILURE

tric Company Directors Reject Commissioners' Offer.

STAND BY PRESIDENT KING FOR INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT

Railroad Managers at Meeting Stood Attempt to Be Made to Force Strike- Gain Over Thirteen-Mile Line breaking Conductors to Ring Up Fares.

Effort to make headway in the settlement of Washington's street tered Bapaume this morning, after stif railway strike through a confer- fighting," Reuter's correspondent teleence called by the District Com- Germans having evidently made all committee announced missioners with the directors of plans for setting fire to it when forced at 3:45 o'clock this aft- the Washington Railway and ernoon that it had been Electric Company today, accordagreed to postpone the ing to the Commissioners' statement was "without affirmative re- and Achiet-le-Petit also are reported t sult." The directors declined the Commissioners' offer to mediate.

"We had a nice, social time, talking things over, that was all," "At our request and out of an said Clarence P. King, president British official communication issued appreciation of the national situa- of the road, when he came away last evening.

Women Seek Interview.

During the conference a delegation of ten women called to seek a conference that will avoid the necessity for with Commissioner Newman. Miss Alice George explained to them the Commis sioners were in conference, and another wired or telephoned their general effort will be made to see Mr. Newman

The public utilities commission today postponed for forty-eight hours, indicated it might communicate with and unless prior to that time advised of a settlement, the men will leave the service under the authority already given."

The statement is signed by Sectetary Franklin K.Lane, Secretary William B. Wilson and Daniel Willard, three of the four mediators. Samuel Gompers, the the officials of the company in regard

> Board Issues Statement. Following the conference with the

gave out the following statement: seven directors of the Washington Railand the railroad managers will be way and Electric Company the Commis- tack broke down under our fire. Cer sioners urged the directors to permit tain enemy detachments which succeedthem to try to settle the strike by acting as mediators between the company and the striking employes.

"The directors declined They inform."

"East of Rheims our grenadiers checked."

the other.
"It being impossible to induce the directors to consider any middle cours

Will Not Deal With Association. Attending the conference were C. P. King, W. F. Ham, Charles A. Spalding, (Continued on Second Page.)

the conference adjourned without af-firmative result."

TOMORROW

"FARM YOUR BACK YARD AND REDUCE HIGH COST OF LIVING"—
A convincing account of what a number of Washingtonians have accomplished along this line in past seasons.

"WILL THE UNITED STATES GO both the "wets" and the "drys," by BURTON J. HENDRICK.

"TERCENTENARY OF THE DEATH OF POCAHONTAS"—To be commemorated next Wednesday; Pocahontas Memorial Association to erect statue of her at Jamestown, Va., later in

GENERALLY SPEAKING, A JOB GOOD IN PROPORTION TO AMOUNT OF STUDY REQUIRED TO MASTER IT," by BRUCE BAR-

"UNITED STATES MAY PRODUCE ITS OWN POTASH"—By end of Euro-pean war Germany may be in-formed that Uncle Sam is independ-ent of foreign potash productions.

"THROWING OFF THE BOOZE CON-STRICTOR"—A paraphrase of the famous statue of Laccoon and his two sons, drawn by JAMES MONT-GCMERY FLAGG.

"THE GREAT AMERICAN BABY"-Dr. Grace L. Meigs of the Childre Bureau works for the conservat and preservation of the baby advocates a national birth-rec

"THE LABEL," a story well worth reading, by CONSTANCE SKINNER. "UNCLE SAM'S FUR SEAL INVEST-MENT IN PRHBILOF ISLANDS PAYS A PROFIT OF SEVEN MIL-LION PER CENT SINCE PUR-CHASE," by FRANK G. CARPEN-

"THE OTHER BROWN"-Another in stallment of this widely read serial, by ADELE LUEHRMANN.

"NEW LAW BARS 250,000 IGNORANT IMMIGRANTS EACH YEAR," by JAMES B. MORROW. "REVIEWS OF NEW BOOKS." "NEWS OF ART AND ARTISTS."

WIPING OUT \$150,000,000," by AL-BERT W. ATWOOD. "ACHIEVING THE HOBBLE IN THE NEWEST SPRING SKIRTS," by ANNE RITTENHOUSE.

"EUROPEAN WAR CAUSES AMAZING CHANGES IN COSTUMES OF WOMEN." "SIGNIFICANCE OF A LOYAL CAMA-GUEY IN CUBAN REVOLT." a timely article, by CHARLES M. PEPPER.

PEPPER. "THE RAMBLER WRITES OF SOME OLD HOUSES ON E STREET." "A BELGIAN BOY'S STORY OF HIS ESCAPE ACROSS THE FRONTIER" -A thrilling story written STERLING HEILIG'S best style.

> IN THE SUNDAY STAR

BAPAUME SEIZED BY BRITISH FORCES; **PUSH PAST TOWN**

Announced by Secretary Lane, Washington Railway and Elec- Germans Leave Place in Flames—Other Towns Also Fall Before Haig.

> FRENCH STRIKE HARD BETWEEN AVRE AND OISE

Depth of Two and One-Half Miles at Some Points.

to retreat.
Our troops are reported to be beyon the town.

graphs that the towns of Le Transloy The British troops in the Somme re gion of France have occupied almost all

of the St. Pierre Vaast wood and 3,000

south of the wood, according to the

yards of German trenches north an

A number of reconnaissances were carried out successfully yesterday by our airplanes. Several fights took place in the air, in the course of which four German machines were destroyed and three others driven down damaged.

German Line Gives Way Over Extended Front; French Repulse Enemy

PARIS, March 17 .- French troops ad vanced last night north of the Avre making progress over a front of twenty kilometers (thirteen miles), and to depth at some points of four kilometers (two and one-half miles), the war office announces today. The statement

"North of the Avre and between the Avre and the Oise our detachments continued to exert vigorous pressure on the enemy, and during the night ex-tended their progress on a front of twenty kilometers and to a depth at certain points exceeding four kilome-ters. eW took 10 prisoners.

German Attack Fails.

"Northwest of Berry-au-Bac, after Germans attacked our lines. The at-

Fighting East of Meuse.

enemy attempts against one of our trenches were finally repulsed after a series of advances and retreats. The Germans suffered in several successful

surprise attacks. "We made several successful surprise attacks west of the Meuse, in Cheppy wood, Le Pretre wood and near Regnau-ville, west of Pont-a-Mousson, and also in Alsace at Sudelkopf, where we took fif-

Retirements Before Foes Admitted by Germans: Some Success Claimed

By the Associated Press.

BERLIN, March 17, by wireless to Sayville.-A further retirement of the German forces on the western front, and Lassigny, was announced today by the war office. The statement follows: of trains containing foodstuffs. "Between La Bassee canal and the on the assurance of the Battimore and Ohio railroad officials that they will give preference to all foodstuffs over other traffic.

Ohio Governor Makes Statement.

Successes Are Claimed. "On the Aisne front an enterprise in the forefield enabled us to bring in thirty-five prisoners. In the Chamenage of the control of t thirty-live prisoners. In the Champaigne there was strong artillery fire for a time. An attack of a French company west of Tahure failed. Between the Meuse and the Moselle German thrusting detachments at four different formulation of the Meuse and the Moselle German thrusting detachments at four different formulation of the States that co-operation in a Constitution of the Multiple of the Moselle German thrusting detachments at four different formulation of the States that co-operation in a Constitution of the States that co-operation in a Washington and concentrates the company's service on bringing in food-stuffs. man thrusting detachments at four different places brought in prisoners from the enemy's lines.

"In a successful surprise attack near

ENTENTE POWERS PROMPT TO EXTEND RECOGNITION

LONDON, March 17 .- Official action by Great Britain, France and Italy in recognition of the provisional govern- Receivers of Rock Island and C. ment of Russia was taken in Petrograd Thursday, according to Reuter's Petrograd correspondent.

The dispatch says that the executive committee of the duma and Col. Engel-hard, commander of the Petrograd gar-rison. received the military attaches and diplomatic representative attaches rison, received the military attaches and diplomatic representatives of Great today applied to Judge George A. Car-Britain, France and Italy, who declared penter, in the United States district their readiness to enter forthwith into court here, for the protection of the relations with the committee as the respective properties and of such emrelations with the committee as the respective properties and of such emsole representative of authority in ployes of the roads as may remain in guerries or shall be employed.



INTERNAL PARALYSIS AS DANGEROUS AS OUTSIDE ATTACK.

TRAINMEN IN PENNSYLVANIA EFFECT OF R. R. STRIKE ASK COURT TO HALT STRIKE

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File Bill in Equity to Prevent the Brotherhoods Calling Men Out-Say Few Favor Action.

equity which has for its purpose the prevention of the four railroad brotherhoods from calling a strike of railroad employes within the state of Pennsylvania was filed in the federal district court at noon today by an attorney resenting members of the four brotherhoods. No judge was in the federal building at the time and, although the bill is officially on file, it will not have the effect of preventing a walkout unless the papers are signed by a judge and an order is-

Leighton P. Stradley, attorney for the men who filed the bill, said the action "would take its usual course." He apparently is making no effort to find a judge. sued, enjoining the men.

Think Few Favor Strike. According to the trainmen they be lieve that not more than 10 per cent the four brotherhoods. alleges that the joint ballot upon shiefs is contrary to the constitution and by-laws of the brotherhoods. The

"East of the Meuse there was spirited fighting yesterday and last night. In the region of Chambrettes farm several unions, and without complying with the hy-laws

Philadelphia Lines Ready. Preparation to cope with the threatened strike were completed today by strike order.

the railroads in this city. Officials of PHILADELPHIA, March 17 .- A bill both the Pennsylvania and the Reading roads expressed confidence that the majority of their men would remain loyal and that the operation of neither freight nor passenger service would be seriously hampered. The Reading oferiously hampered. The Reading of-icials predict that their freight service

Most of Men to Remain Loyal. LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 17 .- Seveny-five per cent of the Louisville and ashville Railroad Company employes are expected to remain loyal to the company in the event of a nation-wide railroad strike, according to a statenent issued at the general offices of

Confidence that the road would be large orders. alleges that the joint ballot upon which the strike was called is not in effect at this time, inasmuch as it was obtained eight months ago, when times at a number of important bridges and

ing their decision to remain loyal.

C., L. & N. Men to Stay. COLUMBUS, March 17.-Engineers, conductors and trainmen of the Cininnati, Lebanon and Northern raiload, a subsidiary company of the Pennone, a substantial order of the southwest system of the Pennsylvania hat they would refuse to obey the

Asked for Federal Military

Protection

run them," was the statement made

ordered to strike tomorrow night.

most seriously. Mr. Taylor denied that

to have appealed to government of-

pected that some cars would be kept

BRIAND TO RECONSTRUCT

THE CABINET OF FRANCE

PARIS, March 17 .- The French cab-

replacing Gen. Lyautry, the former

minister of war, will have the depart-

ments, which had been combined under

one minister, restored to their former

It was expected that the premier will be able to submit the names of the new

ministers to President Poincare today.

M. Briand announced his intention to

reconstitute the cabinet at a meeting of the cabinet presided over by President Poincare last night. The cabine

agreed to the reforms proposed by the

Steamer Ansonia Reaches London.

line steamer Ansonia from New York, February 28, for London, has arrived safely, according to cable advices re-ceived here.

his road is one of those that are said

TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE WILL GUARD ALL TRAINS SOUTHERN ROAD'S TRAINS THAT MOVE FOODSTUFFS

Gov. Harrington to Use Militia if G. W. Taylor Also Denies Having Necessary-Ohio Governor Ready for Emergency.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 17 .- Gov. between Sailly and St. Pierre Vaast Harrington declared last night that he wood and also between Beauvraignes would use the militia, if necessary, to protect the railroads in the movement

Fears of a food famine in Baltimore Ancre there was lively artillery fire. if the strike is serious are dissipating At several points British reconnoiter- on the assurance of the Baltimore and

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 17 .- Gov.

Cox has issued a statement, saying the ficials for military protection. He exstate of Ohio was ready for any emer-

"In an emergency such as this, we are not looking for precedent. The law of Moncel, on the Lorraine frontier, twenty Frenchmen were taken prisoner.

"German aviators by air attacks brought down four captive balloons in local law. Our creed will be justice to our law. Our creed will be justice to our law. people and help to our President, and Briand, it is understood, in addition to I have every confidence that when the call is made on our citizenship the response will be satisfactory."

APPEAL FOR PROTECTION.

E. I. Lines Apply to Court.

CHICAGO, March 17.—Jacob M. Dick-inson, receiver of the Rock Island lines.

ON D. C. INDUSTRIES Number of Plants Will Be Affected Should Scheduled Walkout Occur.

idential purposes for the army of gov-

Several of the large industries of the capital, however, will be seriously aft should continue for any length of time, preventing the inshipment of supwill have to let a part at least of their

Henry T. Offterdinger, manufacture of cigars, is already feeling the effects of the embargo. He ships his products the road here today. It was estimated that one-half of the 35,000 men on the pay roll of the system are members of the four brotherhoods.

Confidence that the road would be large quantities into thirty-six of the forty-eight states in the Union. Much of this is sent by express rather than by freight, but if the transportation of the country is tied up he will not be able to make deliveries to fill large quantities into thirty-six of the forty-eight states in the Union.

Would Halt Incoming Stock.

at a number of important bridges and in scanning the list of employes for men suitable to take the places of those who may decide to act with the brotherhoods.

The offer to take over the insurance protection for Lawrence at a number of line and protection for Louisville and Nashville He is expecting a serious shortage in protection members is expected to several kinds of tobacco for special brands of cigars.

If the tobacco supply runs short he will be forced to let out some of his 150 employes.

Ordnance Plant Hampered.

The Washington Steel and Ordnance Company at Giesboro Point also is feeling the embargo. This big industrial concern makes its shipments over the Baltimore and Ohio, except what small part can be sent by water. The Baltinore and Ohio refused to take any product after last night. While the more and Ohio refused to take any product after last night. While the Giesboro Point plant has been anticipating this as far as possible by getting out all the finished products it could, there still is considerable product in the plant that should be shipped within the next couple of months to fulfill contracts.

contracts.

The government work being done by the Washington Steel and Ordnance Company will not be interfered with, because this can be shipped out by

Main Cause of Trouble.

"We shall continue to operate our Interference with the incoming supplies is apt to cause the most serious England, commenting on the Russian Duke Michael has accepted the throng trains just as long as we have men to trouble at the plant. These supplies revolution, said: today by G. W. Taylor, assistant to the vice president of the Southern railroad, who issued the embargo order, and on whose line brotherhood men have been This system is the one stoppage of which will probably affect Washington

HOUSE SESSION TO OPEN

running, but declined to say who would operate them. Democratic national committee headpuarters in this city have been notified revolution.

"I do not think the danger is en-

According to the information reaching democratic headquarters, the seven republican members of the judiciary committee of the lower house of the New Hampshire legislature voted against advancing the date of the election, while the four democratic members of the committee favored it. The action of the republicans, it is stated, defeated the effort initiated by Speaker Clark and concurred in by Senator Hollis to bring about an election beinet will be reconstructed. Premier

FAIR WEATHER PREDICTED. Forecast for District Gives Lower Temperatures.

Weather predictions for the week betomorrow, issued by weather bureau today, for the middle has refused to join the revolution, ac-Atlantic states, including the District of Columbia, are: Fair weather with temperature below the seasonal average will prevail until Thursday or Frigury, when the weather will become unsettled with probably rain. The latter of the weather will be warner. NEW YORK, March 17.-The Cunard temperature below the seasonal average will prevail until Thursday or Friday, when the weather will become unsettled with probably rain. The latter part of the week will be warmer.

GERMAN SCOUTS IDEA OF VICTORY

Socialist Leader Calls U-Boat War Crime Against International Law.

GOVERNMENT IS ASSAILED

By the Associated Press.

THE HAGUE, via London, March 17. -The Koelnische Zeitung's account of the sensational debate in the Prussian diet Thursday adds some details to the speech of the socialist leader, Adolf Hoffman, for which he was voted into silence. The paper says that Hoffmann amid noisy interruptions accused highly placed functionaries of cornering food while the poorer classes of north Germany were falling ready victims to Germany were falling ready victims to smallpox owing to enfeebled vitality. The socialist deputy went on to declare that Germany was incurring the execration of the world through a policy of senseless provocation. The tumult increased when he denounced any idea of annexation as senseless and criminal and the climax was reached when he stigmatized submarine warfare as a crime against international law. At this point he was shouted down and the house voted that he be no longer heard.

Scouts German Victory. Adolf Hoffmann in supporting the de sire for peace, is reported to have ridiculed the idea of a complete Ger-

nan victory, saying: "When we attain this, there will be o German soldiers left alive."

no German soldiers left alive."

"The German nation," Herr Hoffmann added, "is bleeding for the sins of those in power * * * It is high time (referring to the Herrenhaus) for an operation to remove this appendix of the body politic. Absolutism has hurled Germany into the horrors of this war and turned the whole world against us. This feudalistic system of government must go."

Denounces Upper House.

Herr Leinert, a socialist democrat cording to the Berlin Vorwaerts of Thursday, denounced the upper cham ber of the diet, which he said regarded the government as the mere caretaker of their own selfish interests and where nothing counted but shameless profi-teering. Declaring that the reorgani-zation of that body as suggested by the national liberals was useless, he

dded. "We must abolish the Herrenhaus which is a millstone around the neck of any progressive development in Prussia" Deputy Leinert also upbraided Count Deputy Leinert also upbraided Count Yorck, who had attacked the socialist leader. Carl Legien, because, the reports add, after the break between Germany and the United States, the latter had promised the American Federation of Labor that he would bring the influence of the German workmen's unions to bear upon the government.

Says People Demand Peace.

"Such influence." Herr Leinert is re orted to have said, "the herrenhaus regards as its own special prerogative It wants the people to be comman deered into war and out of it, and that things should remain as they were. That is impossible. The people denand peace at the soonest possible

"We are no longer serfs whom the We are a nation that has reached po litical manhood."

Amid intermittent cheers Herr Leinert hinted at a time coming when the whole nation would arise and sweep "junkerism" off the earth.

Militarism Blamed for War.

from the speech of Deputy Hoffmann in the Prussian diet, which brought about his expulsion from the chamber:
"We shall refuse to vote for the budget. Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg is merely the fig leaf of military absolutism. Militarism bears the responsibility for the bloodshed in Europe."

government until after the holding of a constitutional assembly, whereas the duma group, fearing dangers to the duma group, fearing dangers to the duma group, fearing dangers to the budget. Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg is merely the fig leaf of military absolutism. Militarism bears the responsibility for the bloodshed in Europe." Europe.'

RUSSIA WAS AT POINT OF A SEPARATE PEACE

Fact "Long Known in Official Circles" Now Is Discussed Publicly.

LONDON, March 17.—Henry M. Hynd- By the Associated Press. man, leader of the socialist party in

have been coming in each day by carloads. If there is a stoppage of raw material for any length of time some part of the present force of 2,500 men will have to be furloughed.

Several other large Washington plants are facing similar conditions due to the embargo and threatened interruption of railroad service.

There is no harm in saying sow what has long been known in official circles; namely, that Russia was on the very point of making a separate peace with Germany last autumn through Premier Sturmer. The action of Prof. Milukoff in the duma forced the resignation of M. Sturmer and saved the entents from the most dangerous intrigue since in the duma forced the resignation of accepting the throne from his brother, M. Sturmer and saved the entente declares that he does so only with the from the most dangerous intrigue since the beginning of the war. But the intrigue was only scotched, not killed, should by a plebiscite establish a new and we were on the eve of another form of government and new fundamovement of the same kind through WITH VACANCY UNFILLED movement of the same kind through Protopoff (the deposed minister of the interior), when Prof. Milukoff and others in this city have been potified arters in this city have been potified.

quarters in this city have been notified that an election to fill the vacancy in the first New Hampshire Congress district cannot be held in time to enable the successful candidate to take his seat at the opening of the special session of Congress, April 16.

According to the information reach-According to the information reach-Paragraphic for the special session of Congress, April 16.

According to the information reach-Paragraphic for the will of the mass of the Russian people.

HELSINGFORS DEFENDERS REFUSE TO JOIN REVOLT

LONDON, March 17, 4:10 p.m.-The be- Russian garrison at the Fortress of the Sveaborg, which defends Helsingfors,

CZAR IS REPORTED HELD A PRISONER: DYNASTY IN DOUBT

ONE CENT.

Nicholas Out, But Reported Abdication of Michael Apparently Is Erroneous.

WILLING TO TAKE THRONE IF THE PEOPLE WANT HIM

Proposes an Early Plebiscite to Decide Form Which Government Shall Take.

LONDON, March 17, 3:45 p.m.-The Nya Dagligt Allehanda of Stockholm, as quoted in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from that city, says in a telegram from Haparanda that Emperor Nicholas is now being held prisoner and that the empress has been sent to Kiev.

According to this report, Emperor Nicholas is being held in the Tauride palace (the house of parliament).

The Social Demokraten of Stockholm says M. Golitzine, the deposed Russian premier, has committed suicide in Somewhat conflicting advices

are coming out of Russia regarding the fate of the Romanoff Dispatches this morning announced that Grand Duke Michael

had accepted the throne from his

brother, Nicholas II, subject to the consent of the Russian people expressed through a plebiscite. Last night's advices reported the abdication of Nicholas II in favor of Grand Duke Michael and the subsequent, abdication of

Michael, thus bringing the Romanoff dynasty to an end. Of the abdication of Emperor Nicholas there can now be no possible doubt, as the text of his manifesto announcing it has been received from Petrograd. What has occurred in the case of Grand Duke Michael, however, is still

Final Decision With People. Advices from Petrograd yesterday said there had been some difference of opinion between the duma leaders and the representatives of the workingmen. AMSTERDAM, via London, March 17. The latter wished to leave undecided The Rheinische Westfallsche Zei- the question of form of the Russian tung publishes the following excerpt government until after the holding of

The qualifications which Michael is reported to have placed on his acceptance of the throne indicate that it has been decided to erect a temporary central authority so that there may be no diversion of the country's energies in prosecuting the war, but that at the same time the ultimate decision has been left with the people.

Grand Duke Michael Ready to Ascend Throne of Russia If Such Is People's Will

LONDON, March 17, 12:45 p.m.-Grand of Russia, conditioned on the consent

consent of the Russian people, who

mental laws."

Grand Duke's Declaration. The declaration made by the grand duke on his acceptance of the throne, as given out by the news agency, reads

"This heavy responsibility has come to me at the voluntary request of my brother, who has transferred the imperial throne to me during a period of warfare which is accompanied with unprecedented popular disturbances.

"Moved by the thought which is in the minds of the entire people, that the good of the country is paramount, I have adopted the firm resolution to accept the

adopted the firm resolution to accept the supreme power only if this be the will of our great people, who, by a plebiscite organized by their representatives in a constituent assembly, shall establish a form of government and new fundamental laws for the Russian state.

"Consequently, invoking the benediction of our Lord, I urge all citizens of Russia to submit to the provisional government established upon the initiative of the duma and invested with full plenary powers, until such time, which will follow with as little delay as possible, as the constituent assembly, on a basis of universal, direct, equal and secret suffrage, shall, by its decision as to the new form of government, express the will of the people."

Supreme Command to Nicholas.

A Reuter's Petrograd dispatch says that prior to his abdication the Russian emperor transferred the supreme com-